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EPA Issues Pesticides Warning in Caribbean Methyl Bromide Suspected of Making Four People Ill on St. John, U.S. VI

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(New York, N.Y. – March 26, 2015) Today, the EPA issued a pesticides use warning advisory (web link below) with information about the restricted use of pesticides. Pesticides must be used in accordance with label directions.

The EPA is working closely with the U.S. Virgin Islands government to investigate an incident of suspected exposure to Methyl Bromide reported on March 20, 2015. Paramedics responded to a call that four people staying at the Sirenusa Condominium Resort in St. John became ill. An investigation by the EPA and the Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources is ongoing and includes air monitoring and environmental sampling.

To view the EPA's **Pesticides Use Warning**, please visit: <http://www.epa.gov/region2/epa-pesticide-warning.pdf>

For more information about pesticides, their health effects, and how they should be used and disposed of, call the National Pesticide Information Center at 1-800-858-7378, or visit: <http://www2.epa.gov/safepestcontrol>.

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